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FOLLOWING COMMENTS MAY PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND FOR DUTCH PROPOSALS:

A. DUTCH, AS MEMBER OF ICO, DID NOT SEE NEED TO CONSULT EC
BEFORE SUBMITTING PROPOSALS. EC IS OBSERVER ONLY.

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B. DUTCH TRADE CONSULTED IN DRAWING UP PROPOSALS. TRADE IS
OPPOSED TO BUFFER STOCKS.

C. "INDEXING CONNOTATIONS" OF PROPOSAL SIX WERE DUE TO INPUT BY DUTCH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PRONK. VAN DER VELDE (INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OF MINAG) WHO COMPILED DUTCH PROPOSALS SAID AIM WAS TO "KEEP EVERYBODY HAPPY" BUT ADMITTED INDEXING WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO CONSUMERS (INCLUDING DUTCH). HE MENTIONED OPEC SUGGESTION TO INDEX PETROLEUM PRICE.

D. VAN DER VELDE SEES BRAZIL OPPOSED TO QUOTAS THAT WOULD NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RECENT LOW LEVEL OF BRAZILIAN PRODUCTION AND PLANNED EXPANSION, I.E., BRAZIL WOULD NOT AGREE TO QUOTAS WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BRAZIL'S FUTURE PRODUCTION INCREASE FROM NEW PLANTINGS.

E. VAN DER VELDE COMMENTED THAT FRENCH POSITION WOULD BE TO GIVE MOST ADVANTAGE IN NEW AGREEMENT TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES. ("THEY'RE ALL ARABS TO THE FRENCH.").
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